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SUBJ: UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REF: USUN 1709 AND 1467

1. RECENT EVIDENCE AVAILABLE HERE, INCLUDING TALK BY HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCE WITH SYG HIMSELF, CONFIRMS USUN'S IMPRESSION THAT SYG HAS MADE FIRM COMMITMENT TO APPOINT DE DEUS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC. MARTENS HAS STATED, AND RECENTLY REAFFIRMED TO MISOFF, THAT UNLESS HE CAN RETAIN UNFDAC JOB AS WELL AS THAT OF DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS HE WILL DECLINE REAPPOINTMENT TO LATTER POSITON WHEN HIS TERM EXPIRES ON SEPT 30 OF THIS YEAR.

2. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT SEEMS TO US FUTILE TO CONTINUE TO CARRY TORCH FOR MARTENS. FURTHERMORE FOR US TO DO SO WILL BECOME KNOWN AND COULD SERIOUSLY COMPLICATE OUR ABILITY SUBSEQUENTLY TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH HIS HEIRS. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE THAT BEST TACK NOW IS TO CONCENTRATE ON ENSURING COUNTINUITY FOR TURKISH AND OTHER IMPORTANT DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS BY SUPPORTING APPOINTMENT TO DIVISION DIRECTOR POST OF OLAF BRAENDEN, CURRENTLY CHIEF OF UN NARCOTICS LABORATORY, D-1 AND DND OFFICIAL HAVING GREATEST SENIORITY, WHOSE OUTSTANDING
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PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN WIDELY RECOGNIZED BY SPOKESMEN IN

COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS. BRAENDEN, WHOSE CANDIDACY FOR DND DIRECTOR IS OFFICIALLY SPONSORED BY HIS GOVERNMENT (NORWAY), WAS MEMBER OF GREENFIELD MISSION TO TURKEY IN JANUARY AND HAS BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN TURKISH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SINCE THEN. WHILE HIS INVOLVEMENT HAS RELATED MAINLY TO SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS, INCLUDING ARRANGING FOR TRAINING OF TURKISH CHEMISTS IN UN LAB AND EXCORTING TURKISH EXPERT TEAM TO REVIEW POPPY STRAW PROCESSING PLANTS IN EUROPE, HE IS GENERALLY FAMILIAR WITH DEVELOPMENTS OTHER ASPECTS OF TURKISH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH HE STRONGLY SUPPORTS AND WE HAVE NO QUESTION THAT HE WILL CONTINUE, IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH US, TO PURSUE THIS PROGRAM AND OTHERS IN WHICH USG HAS SPECIAL INTEREST.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT USUN INFORM TURKISH MISSION TO EFFECT THAT WE UNDERSTAND MATTER OF DE BEUS' APPOINTMENT AS HEAD OF UNFDAC IS FAIL ACCOMPLI, THAT BEST WAY PROCEED OF DND WHICH WOULD PROVIDE CONTINUITY TURKISH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. WE DOUBT DESIRABILITY OF USUN'S MAKING REFERENCE TO POINT THAT SYG APPROACHED US ABOUT DE BEUS AND THAT WE POSED NO OBJECTION. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IF THIS SHOULD BECOME KNOWN THERE WILL BE RESENTMENT OF PART OF TURKS AND OTHERS HAVING MAJOR INTEREST IN UN DRUG ACTIVITY THAT THEY WERE NOT ALSO CONSULTED AND MIGHT DETRACT FROM MAIN EFFORT, NAMELY, ENSURING CONTINUITY BY APPOINTMENT OF BRAENDEN TO DND DIRECTOR POSITION.

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